

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER R5-2015-0126

AMENDING TIME SCHEDULE ORDER R5-2015-0034
(NPDES PERMIT CA0079316)

PLACER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
PLACER COUNTY

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (hereafter Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. Placer County Department of Facility Services (Discharger) owns and operates the Placer County Sewer Maintenance District 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility). The Facility provides sewerage service for the unincorporated area of North Auburn in Placer County and serves a population of approximately 16,900. The Facility is permitted to discharge an average dry weather flow of 2.18 million gallons per day (mgd) of tertiary treated effluent to Rock Creek. On 22 September 2010, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2010-0092 (NPDES Permit), prescribing waste discharge requirements for the Facility. Finding that the Discharger could not comply with the final effluent limitations for ammonia, total coliform organisms, biological oxygen demand (BOD₅), and total suspended solids (TSS), the Central Valley Water Board granted the Discharger interim effluent limitations and compliance schedules in the NPDES Permit that required compliance with the final effluent limitations by 31 August 2015.
2. The Central Valley Water Board also adopted Cease and Desist Order R5-2010-0093, on 22 September 2010, requiring compliance with the final effluent limitations for aluminum, chloroform, nitrate plus nitrite and nitrite by 1 September 2015.
3. In May 2013, Cease and Desist Order R5-2010-0093 was amended to require full compliance with effluent limitations for chlorodibromomethane and dichlorobromomethane, in addition to full compliance with effluent limitations for aluminum, chloroform, nitrate plus nitrite, and nitrite, by 1 September 2015.
4. In April 2015, Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2010-0092 was amended and Time Schedule Order (TSO) R5-2015-0034 was adopted requiring compliance with the final effluent limitations for aluminum, ammonia, BOD₅, chloroform, dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, nitrite, total coliform organisms, and TSS by 31 December 2015.
5. The Discharger's selected compliance method is to transfer all wastewater from the Facility in Auburn to the Placer County regional plant at City of Lincoln Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility as part of the Midwestern Placer Regional Sewer Project (MPRSP). Construction is approximately 99% complete on the three elements of the MPRSP as follows:
 - Improvements to the City of Lincoln Wastewater Treatment and Reclamation Facility – Approximate estimated construction cost: \$15,500,000. Construction start date: January 2014.

- Regional Pipeline – Approximate estimated construction cost: \$23,000,000. Construction start date: January 2014.
 - SMD1 Pump Station – Approximate estimated construction cost: \$5,200,000. Construction start date: January 2014.
6. However, during recent pressure testing of the completed regional pipeline, failures of the electrofusion welds of air release valves and vacuum release valve saddles occurred. It was determined that the saddles at all 69 locations need to be replaced. The Discharger needs additional time to complete repairs on the new wastewater transmission lines.
 7. On 26 October 2015, the Discharger requested to extend the compliance schedule in TSO R5-2015-0034 for completion of repairs on the wastewater transmission lines until 1 September 2016. This Order amends the compliance schedule in TSO R5-2015-0034 to require compliance with final effluent limitations for aluminum, ammonia, BOD₅, chloroform, dibromochloromethane, dichlorobromomethane, nitrate plus nitrite, nitrite, total coliform organisms, and TSS by 1 September 2016.
 8. Issuance of this Order is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) pursuant to Water Code section 13389, since the adoption or modification of an NPDES permit for an existing source is statutorily exempt and this Order only serves to implement a NPDES permit. (*Pacific Water Conditioning Ass'n, Inc. v. City Council of City of Riverside* (1977) 73 Cal.App.3d 546, 555-556.).
 9. On 11 December 2015, in Rancho Cordova, California, after due notice to the Discharger and all other affected persons, the Central Valley Water Board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received to consider amending TSO R5-2015-0034.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT pursuant to CWC Sections 13301 and 13267, TSO R5-2015-0034 is amended as shown in underline/strikeout format in Attachment I and the compliance schedule is extended to 1 September 2016, to allow time for transmission line repairs. This Order is effective upon adoption.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Central Valley Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on **11 December 2015**.

Original signed by

PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer